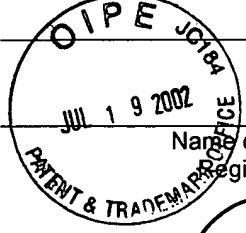
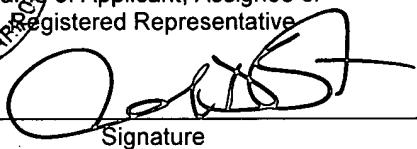


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Our Case No.: 659-700

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Fell et al.

Serial No.: 09/855,182

Filing Date: May 14, 2001

For: ABSORBENT GARMENT WITH  
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**FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the

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Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
6,217,563 B1	4/2001	Van Gompel et al.
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**FOREIGN DOCUMENTS**

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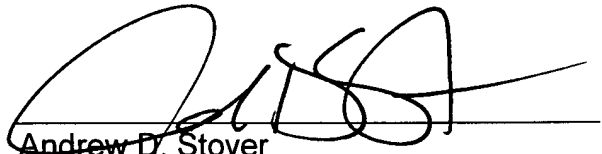
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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
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